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Mr. Joseph Kingsbury-Smith
The Hearst Newspapers
1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Kingsbury-Smith:

Thank you for writing Director Casey for whom I am responding. We cannot comment on any allegations made by the newsletter "Israel Update" concerning the bombing of the American Embassy in Beirut.

I am sorry we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "CE Wilson", is positioned above the typed name.

Charles E. Wilson
Chief, Public Affairs Division

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